

MRSCNA Regional Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2008
Grand Rapids, MI

1. Opening:

Kevin opened the meeting at 9:09am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

2. Twelve Traditions:

The Twelve Traditions were read

3. Twelve Concepts:

The Twelve Concepts were read

4. Roll Call:

Absent – Secretary

Visitors – Karen C., Jim B., Kristin D., Barb P, Matt W.

5. Chair Report:

Agenda readied by Kevin R.

6. Secretary's Report:

- Dear Family,

This is the first time in 3 years, I have not attended Region – very alien. Many thanks to Lizzie for covering. I realized I never sent the snail mail copies out. I have sent copies with Lizzie. Life is amazing – this morning I am being introduced to the congregation @ my new job. Me. Who would have thunk. I miss you all and can't wait to see you all in my home town.

Loving you, Marybeth

- It was requested that Lizzie take a message back to Marybeth to please get the minutes out much earlier.

7. Treasurer's Report:

MRSCNA Treasures Report October 2008

		Balance
Bank Statement ending July 2008		27203.63
Bank Statement ending August 2008		5034.8
MRSCNA August report		10279.82
Deposits/credits		
FASCNA	8/3/2008 7TH Tradition	49.56
WASCNA	8/3/2008 7TH Tradition	483.55
FASCNA	9/11/08 7TH Tradition	134.2
NWASCNA	9/11/08 7TH Tradition	50
SWMASCNA	9/11/08 7TH Tradition	20
Total deposits Aug 1 thru Sept 30 2008		737.31
		10279.82
		11017.14
Payments/debits		

bank service charge	7/14/08	Merchant fees	12.5
bank MPS charge	7/18/08	Merchant fees	10.06
merchant fee	8/4/08	Merchant fees	75.35
bank service charge	8/13/08	for cash deposits over 5K	59.94
funds transfer	8/14/08	MRCNA	5350
Patti K	#3775	hotel 60.00, mileage 79.00	139
Lizzy S	#3776	hotel 66.59, mileage 44.70	111.29
State of MI	#3777	non profit 501C3	20
Dave T	#3778	travel Minnesota MZF	600
total payments/debits			5778.14

Balance			5239
Bank balance as of 9/11/08			5219

MRSCNA Account Summary YTD

Deposites

FASCNA	670.35
GGRASCNA	262.74
GMASCNA	115.02
LCASCNA	283.19
NWMASCNA	250
NWASCNA	100
SBASCNA	171.05
SMMANA	200
SWMASCNA	237
WASCNA	3238.47
12 Steps to Freedom Group	150
Heavenly Express Group	17.5
R&R at the Fort	100
Indiana RSC	100
Total deposites/additions	5895.32

Payments/debits

Alan Wazny	1065
Brian H	159.89
Cathy M	33
Dave T	2486.96

Feildstone	10
Jeff C	348.64
Kevin R	145
Lizzy S	111.29
Marybeth G	135.61
MI Department of Treasury	274.87
MI State of	20
MI Service Office	100
Mike T	209.29
NAWS	1003
Patti K	184
Radisson Hotel Ka;amazoo	699.6
Total	6986.15

- Brian noted that our current bank (Fifth Third) is hitting us with a number of unexpected fees. Will discuss this during new business.
- Things are tight, however it was noted that this is partly due to this year being a conference year.

8. RD Report:

- Hello Family,
Les and I facilitated a leadership workshop and R&R at the Fort. It was well attended and we got mostly positive feedback. The results will be consolidated and sent to WSO before I go to MZF in two weeks. I want to remind everyone that Les and I are available to do these workshops when asked and we don't want to wait for the end of the cycle to start having them.
I have received a copy of the 6th edition basic text from the WSO so I assume they are now available for purchase.
I have my receipts for the flight to Minn. as well as the hotel room. They total \$545.20 which leaves me \$54.80 for two days worth of meals. I will be okay with that amount as I can cover the rest myself. I do have a mileage reimbursement request for today's meeting. 298 miles @ .35 per = \$104.30
ILS, Dave T.

9. RDA Report:

- Greetings Family,
Glad to be back in your midst today. Believe it or not, I missed you all. Not a lot to report. Did get a chance to assist Dave @ R&R. We did the workshop "Leadership" from our Issue Discussion Topics. It was fun to gather with old and new friends for a few hours. Got a little feed back that we weren't really hitting on anything meaty. What I'd like to do is let Dave H. express his views on the subject. I relate to what he had to say, and don't want to lose anything in the telling. Maybe in New Business so we can get a good discussion on the subject.
Been brushing up on our Concepts and browsing the World's Website. Practicing getting to the IDT's. Haven't had much luck. Even' with World's help. Had person helping me for three days, just to find out from another service helper that the sights weren't up and running yet. Just proves I'm not the not knowing what's going on. As of last week the only information available was on Leadership. At least that's all my ability would let me find.
I've just received the NAWS News, and thought it a good idea to suggest to anyone not subscribed to it, to do so. There is a lot of information our RCM's could spruce up their reports to Areas with. That way a lot won't be lost in our updating you from it. One of the biggest things may be that the 6th edition is out. I received mine in the mail without even ordering it. Na, na, na, na, na, do I feel special. Also the new Roman numeral medallions came out at the same time. Plans are under way to capture the experience of NA's earliest members on video. If you have any ideas or names please email them to worldboard@na.org.
Three service pamphlets are close to being released. Leadership, The Benefits of Service, and An Introduction to NA Meetings. Four new project workgroups have been created for the Self-Support

pamphlets, revisions to In Times of Illness, the Service System and Living Clean. Ongoing workshops include Reaching Out, The NA Way, Translations Evaluations, and the Business Plan Workgroup. The World is diligently working at trying to open registration for WCNA – 33 in Barcelona, Spain in October rather than in December as in the past. OK, I guess I lied; I did have more to report than I thought. But that's all I have for now.

ILS, Les P.

10. MRCNA Report:

- Greetings Family,

First of all we now have a co-chair. Thank you Matt! MRCNA will have a fully functional Ad-min committee. This seems to be the best way for us to address the issues from last year and the ones developing this year. To this end we have been communicating extensively and plan to meet later today.

Just to clear up some apparent confusion about last night's activity that activity was put on by a GR home group. This home group decided to make it a MRCNA fundraiser. E&F got involved in recording and selling CDs and tried to have a car show. A "Women in Service" set of workshops was also going on. No one on MRCNA was involved in choosing the speakers or planning the program.

They just let us piggy back on to their activity and try to make some money on our own. We donated 4 gallons of coffee and 2 gallons punch. We split the cost of the DJ and the Taper. It appears that we broke even. We do not have final figures at this time. We will have those on our next month's minutes.

Merchandise has also been busy. They printed up these really cool pre-convention shirts. As of last night they have made enough to pay for the shirts plus have made money. These will be available for sale at all area fundraisers.

E&F, T&R, and Merchandise will work together with area activities chairs in an effort to cut down on committee expenses. We want to be present at events and fundraisers but we also want to be fiscally prudent about attending some of those functions. As a body, this committee is cutting down or eliminating having to pay mileage. Members have been making arrangements to share expenses and making sacrifices so as not to have to get mileage.

This month our goal is to pick a theme for the convention. Sub committees will also submit budgets. These budgets will be under 75% of last year's revenue. Some budgets will be revised depending on the logo that will be chosen.

Valley Plaza has conceded on some of the major roadblocks to having MRCNA XXVI and XXVII. Negotiations continue and we hope to have a contract for approval at the next region. If anyone is interested in getting our minutes I will send a paper out to get email addresses to be added to the list. Or you can get them from the website. Convention Information is very diligent and is posting minutes, announcements and activities as soon as she gets them. Our website is up to date. RCM's if you have phone #s for your Activities Chairs we would like to get them so they can be contacted about fundraisers.

MRCNA wants to reflect the growth and diversity we have experienced in our first 25 years. To do that we need your help. You can help by submitting names and tapes, workshop topics, and speakers to our program committee. We want this convention to reflect not just "where we have been but where we are going".

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Pablo, MRCNA Chair

11. Shared Services Report:

n/a

12. Website Contact:

n/a

13. MSO Representative:

Oral Report – Dave C.

- Recently signed new 5 yr lease. Rent increase of \$140/yr for first three years, and then another increase of \$20/month.
- Have been authorized to make back room area a conference area
- 6th Edition Basic text available, \$11 – 700+ available at office
- ½ of merch now matches world prices
- Website nearly done – much more work than anticipated
- Metro-Detroit regional convention has asked MSO to do merch.
- Invited to sell merch @ SWMACNA
- In need of networking tech to help out

14. H&I:

- Good Morning,

At this time I have nothing to report for the last four months mainly because I have not been contacted from anyone in NA for any reason, except one addict seeking information on the phone line. However I think he was just looking for a place to vent...

Which brings me to my next point that to the lack of information transferred on my behalf in the capacity of HI contact, I'm truly not setting well with the financial burden I place on the region.

I also am stepping down from much of my service responsibilities from NA as a whole, I'm thinking 14 years is good for now.

However, I do come to you today with an alternative way to keep the HI contact relative...

First I will still be available for a contact of information to anyone that would call 231-894-4461.

Secondly if a standing person on this body would also have the responsibility of HI (as we know there is not much responsibility there) that would take care of the financial aspect of the position.

Thankful to have served...

Jeff F. Cole

15. PI:

- Nothing new to report. I have the PI board with me today if you need to use it for an event in the area.
ILS,
Marianne G.

16. AREA REPORTS:

a. Battle Creek Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Cathi M.
 Date: 10/5/08
 Area: Battle Creek Area
 Area Meeting Location: Maple United Methodist Church
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sat. – next mtg 10/25/08

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 16
 Number of Meetings..... 23
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 1 going on/ 1 setting up
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
 Region Donation..... n/a – below prudent reserve

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>Cathi M</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
RCM alt	<u>Chris B</u>		<u>n/a</u>
Area Chair	<u>David R</u>		<u>n/a</u>
H&I Chair	<u>Rochelle C.</u>		<u>n/a</u>
PI Chair	<u>Open</u>		
Web Servant	<u>Rob H</u>		

Hi Family,

I'm an addict named Cathi. We are growing. We have added two groups, one has three meetings a week and the other has two meetings. Both will be on our updated meeting lists in November.

Battle Creek's 21st Annual Retreat was held at the outdoor education center on September 19, 20, 21st. We had three outstanding speakers, food, fun and fellowship was had by all.

Several activities are being planned for October, November and December.

There is no donation at this time. Our Treasurer has been ill and has not been able to reconcile our finances as of this writing.

It is an honor to be of service,

Yours,
 Cathi M., BC, RCM

b. Capitol Area:

Leon gave an oral report, but I did not get the written copy from him.

c. Flint Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Lia C.
 Date: 10/05/08
 Area: FASCNA (Flint)
 Area Meeting Location: My Brother's Keeper
 Area Meeting Day / Time: Last Sunday each month 1pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 44
 Number of Meetings..... 53
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 6
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$2087.64
 Region Donation..... \$250.52

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
CM <u>Wanda C.</u>		
RCM alt <u>Lia C</u>		
Area Chair <u>Ed H.</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Dennis</u>		
PI Chair <u>Rob G.</u>		
Web Servant <u>Woody L.</u>		

Hello Everyone,
 There is nothing to report. We do have a new PI Chair, Rob G.
 Thank you,
 Liz C, RCMA
 Wanda C, RCM

d. Greater Grand Rapids Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Fred S.
 Date: 10/5/08
 Area: Grand Rapids Area
 Area Meeting Location: Faith Lutheran Church
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Wednesday of Month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 17
 Number of Meetings..... 25
 Number of H&I Meetings..... n/a
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... \$853.98
 Region Donation..... not at this time

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM _____ Fred S.		_____
RCM alt _____ n/a		_____
Area Chair _____ Richard H.		_____
H&I Chair _____ open		_____
PI Chair _____ Mike B.		_____
Web Servant _____ Susan S.		_____

Hello Family,

I am sorry I was unable to attend yesterday's event. I have a very bad cold and have been ordered to bed rest. (I shouldn't even be here today). I hope it was a great success and those of you that came to town found some recovery. I am asking for a check for \$125 for the meeting room today. There is a continental breakfast provided by the hotel for this morning. Please enjoy.

Everything in Grand Rapids is going well; we are, as always, struggling with people to take service positions at the area level. Yet we still are managing to get all business needed to be accomplished. We have proceeded with the bus sign campaign and Mike B. has stepped into the phone line accordingly. We do not have an H&I Chair at this time but the H&I Committee is still functioning.

In support of MRCNA 25, we have held several small fundraisers at the areal level and helped to put on yesterday's event. We also had The Predecessors Appreciation Day event, with speakers coming up from Chicago. This was a great day and well attended.

I apologize in advance if I leave early today but I need to get rest so I can get over this cold I have. I look forward to seeing all of you at the next regional meeting in December, and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

In Loving Service,
Fred S.

e. Greater Muskegon Area:

- Lizzie S. reported that there is no longer any willingness of anyone to serve at the Area level and, as a result, Holland Groups have decided to start their own area. Muskegon Area will not be hosting the next regional meeting.
- Much discussion ensued on possible solutions to the alternative of Holland groups starting their own area.
- Ultimately, Jeff C. committed to contact some folks who used to be involved at the ASC level who stopped coming due to personality conflicts. He is confident that people will step up to maintain the GMANA.

f. Livingston County Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: _____ John Dinsmore
Date: _____ 10/5/08
Area: _____ Livingston Co. Area

Area Meeting Location: Hardy Methodist Church, M 59
Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday of Month @ 2pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 11
Number of Meetings..... 11
Number of H&I Meetings..... 0
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
Region Donation..... 0

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM <u>Marty D</u>		
RCM alt <u>John Dinsmore</u>		
Area Chair <u>Tim R</u>		
H&I Chair <u>Kevin P</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
PI Chair <u>Mike L</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Web Servant <u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>

Livingston County is doing well. We currently have all of our Area service positions filled. The Area did host a celebration of life meeting for the memory of Chris Giordano, it was well attended from people in and out of the Area. We recently purchase a scanner to help the secretary in his/her duties. The scanner converts written documents to digital so they can be sent electronically. There are a couple of members talking about starting a Day time meeting. The PR committee should be taking over the Friday H&I Brighton hospital meeting soon. They also are planning a poster drive and are writing a letter a week to the local Sheriff asking to let us have an H&I meeting in the County jail.

Thanks,
Marty D. (via email report)

The Brighton Hospital H&I panel meeting has been attended by mostly Livingston Co. members. The area is in the process of developing our H&I committee and in November will be having an H&I committee and in November will be having an H&I workshop. We hope to take over the responsibility for Brighton Hospital by the end of the year.

The area is doing well and all ASC positions are filled.

John D

g. Northwestern Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Jason Raglin
Date: 10/5/08
Area: Northwest Area
Area Meeting Location: Friends of Light, 5th and Oak, Traverse City
Area Meeting Day / Time: 3rd Sunday of Month @ 4pm

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 16
 Number of Meetings..... 38
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 6
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
 Region Donation..... \$350.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM Jason Raglin		
RCM alt open		
Area Chair Jake Thomas		
H&I Chair Ben Eckler		
PI Chair Sherri L.		
Web Servant open		

My name is Jason, and I am an addict.

This is my first regional meeting as RCM and I am grateful to be here. I will keep this short, as I am still trying to learn here. We are in the search for an RCMA. H&I is going well, carrying the message to four correctional facilities, and two treatment centers. PI is staying busy, wasn't able to make the sub-meeting to get a full report, and requested updated email wasn't received. We have a few service positions open, so activities is moving a little slower than normal. Other than that, things are going well in the area.

Grateful to serve,
 Jason R.
 Northwestern Area, RCM

h. Northwoods Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
 Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Robert M
 Date: 10/5/08
 Area: Northwoods Area
 Area Meeting Location: floating location
 Area Meeting Day / Time: 2nd Saturday of the month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 9
 Number of Meetings..... 14
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 2
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
 Region Donation..... \$30.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

PHONE EMAIL

Greetings Family,
 Greetings from Saginaw Bay Area. We currently have 43 home groups throughout the Tri-city area. Our Area Service Committee meets every fourth Saturday of the month, alternating between our three major cities. We just completed an area inventory to allow the groups to tell us what their needs and wants are so we could better serve those who we answer to. Very few of the active groups participated, however most of them has an opinion. Our Activities Chair has done a great job and we have five different MRCNA fundraisers planned for the year. Several of our local members have stepped up and filled four or more of the open positions on the MRCNA planning committee. For information regarding our MRCNA Fundraisers, contact me after the meeting. Other than that the check is in the mail, I promise.

Grateful to be of service,
 Matt F.

j. Southern Mid-Michigan Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.

Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
 Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Marianne G
 Date: 10/5/08
 Area: Southern-Mid Michigan
 Area Meeting Location: Rotates: Adrian and Jackson
 Area Meeting Day / Time: last Saturday of the month

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 11
 Number of Meetings..... 16
 Number of H&I Meetings..... 7 meetings - 5 facilities
 Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
 Region Donation..... n/a

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

		PHONE	EMAIL
RCM	<u>Marianne G.</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
RCM alt	<u>open</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Area Chair	<u>David R</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
H&I Chair	<u>Richard M.</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
PI Chair	<u>Linda S & Lisa B</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>
Web Servant	<u>Guy R</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>

All is well in Southern Mid Michigan. We had a successful and fun-filled Hog Roast in August and a great spiritual Retreat over Labor Day. We conveniently have a hayride planned Oct. 25th in Adrian...see our website.

Finally secured the 2 PO Boxes to be used for sponsorship behind the walls. They are PO Box 4141 Jackson, MI 49204 and PO Box 6, Adrian, MI 49221. I now have five correspondence committee has been meeting the first Tuesday of every month. The court system in Adrian is now interested in learning more about how NA is different from other 12-step fellowships they are acquainted with.

H&I is going strong and meeting attendance has been steady.

In loving Service,
Marianne G.

k. Southwestern Michigan Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Dave H
Date: 10/5/08
Area: South West Michigan
Area Meeting Location: Vicksburg Mi
Area Meeting Day / Time: 4th Sunday at 3 PM

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 38
Number of Meetings..... 75 plus
Number of H&I Meetings..... 11
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... n/a
Region Donation..... \$100.00

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

	PHONE	EMAIL
RCM..... <u> Dave H </u>		
RCM alt <u> open </u>		
Area Chair..... <u> Eric S </u>		
H&I Chair..... <u> open </u>		
PI Chair..... <u> Jim B </u>		
Web Servant..... <u> Jim B </u>		

Greetings Family!

Things are reasonably peaceful in SW these days...we had our Area meeting last week and had 15 GSRs show up....which is definitely an improvement. We call roll for 38 Home Groups but we have several that are on the roster that we're not real sure even exist anymore. We just put a new Outreach Chair in position and he's planning on making the rounds and see what's up with some of them. In my 10 plus years of Area service...I've yet to see an Outreach Chair ever stick with the position for the whole term...but we'll see.

We're having elections for Trusted Servants this next month....so, things will be changing...or they won't. Not a lot of fresh willingness, so I'm sure we'll stay with the Green Movement and continue recycling members with willingness in many positions....from the looks of things.....my position too! So, consider yourselves, blessed or cursed....depending on how the day goes!

We're also firing up for SWMACNA....our annual convention....which hasn't happened since early '07 due to a rearrangement of dates. Hope you can all come on down and join us in a celebration of recovery and a real time demonstration of the miracle. It's scheduled for October 31-November 2 at the Radisson in downtown Kalamazoo.

The R&R at the Fort Committee reported a successful event in August with great weather being a very important part of that success and thus attendance. Proceeds from the event made it possible for the committee to purchase 155 Basic Texts from the MSO and distribute them to our H&I committee (50) and the rest were divided among the Home Groups

in attendance at this last month's Area meeting. So, when you're planning your calendar for next summer....remember them.....they're the little event with the big heart!!

That's all I got for today. Glad you're all here. Grateful to have the opportunity to serve. Dave H

I. Washtenaw Area:



M.R.S.C.N.A.
Michigan Regional Service Committee of Narcotics Anonymous
Regional Committee Member (RCM) Report

Name: Bob P.

Date: October 5, 2008

Area: Washtenaw

Area Meeting Location: Peace Neighborhood Center, 1111 N. Maple St., A², MI 48103

Area Meeting Day / Time: 5:00 pm. Second Sunday of the month, except May

AREA INFORMATION

Number of Groups..... 23
Number of Meetings..... 28
Number of H&I Meetings..... 7
Total 7th Tradition Collected..... < \$900 in Aug & Sept
Region Donation..... \$274.36

AREA CONTACT INFORMATION

<u>POSITION</u>		<u>PHONE</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
RCM	<u>Bob P.</u>		
RCMA	<u>Mike B.</u>		
Area Chair	<u>Jerry W.</u>		
H&I Chair	<u>Jim E.</u>		
PI Chair	<u>Lisa B.</u>		
Web Servant	<u>Rick D.</u>		

REPORT:

Hello Family, my name is Bob and I'm an addict, Greetings from the Washtenaw Area:

Things are well in the Washtenaw Area, our ASC meeting continues to be well attended, and support for H&I / PI/PR committees is not negligible. Discussion continues over what kind of financial support should be given to new meetings. We have had 2 new meetings form in the last month. We are still awaiting groups in our area to complete the area planning tool questionnaires. We have monthly games nights scheduled through the end of the year on the third Saturday of the month at the Library for the Blind, 4135 Washtenaw Ave., A², MI, from 5:00pm. To 11:00pm. (See our area website for more info) Many in our area will be attending a Western Wayne County Area Halloween function scheduled for the same night as our games night at the UAW Hall in Canton, MI. (See flyers on the table) We have a \$274.36 donation to region today.

Yours in service,
Bob P.

17. Old Business:

- a. Open positions

- i. Webservant – Jim B. from Kalamazoo has the willingness to serve. Accepted as Webservant! Congratulations Jim B.!
- ii. Co-Webservant – John D. from Livingston has the willingness to serve.
 - 1. This discussion deflected temporarily to whether or not “a member of this board can serve on a sub-committee of this board.” based on some old “bylaws”.
 - a. Moved discussion to new business.
 - 2. Following discussion, John D. was accepted as Co-Webservant. Congratulations John D.!
- iii. Shared Services – open
- iv. MSO Rep – open
- v. H&I Contact – open
- b. Phone line status?
 - i. Via phone call, Jeff K. has reported that there is no new information to report.

18. New Business:

- a. Where to hold next Regional Meeting on December 7, 2008 in lieu of Greater Muskegon?
 - i. Northwoods Area has offered to switch. More information to be revealed.
- b. Do we want to look into other banks for regional funds?
 - i. charge for credit card machine usage - \$240/yr
 - ii. charging us for large deposits of cash
 - iii. consensus is to encourage Brian to investigate new banking options
- c. Leadership Workshops
 - i. Is it possible that the current format “guides” workshop participants to the answers that World would like to get? Perhaps there is a way to encourage more creative thinking.
 - ii. Les and Dave both welcomed constructive criticism
- d. Outreach Ad hoc for Muskegon? – resolved
- e. Bylaws/guidelines
 - i. Over the course of change, bylaws and guidelines have not been updated. Do we change bylaws to match how we do things, or do we change how we do things to match bylaws.
 - ii. Procedures are how we do things. Bylaws should reflect that.
 - iii. Call for volunteers to amend bylaws – Jim C. will look into this and bring copies of propositioned bylaws to next regional meeting.
- f. Brian proposed sending \$1421.29 on to WSO. Accepted.

19. Take back to Areas:

- a. Open Service Positions – Shared Services, MSO Rep. and H&I Contact